

Small Game Hunting Seasons

REGULATIONS

2014–2015 Small Game Hunting Seasons

| Species (alphabetical) | Inclusive Dates | Hunting Hours | Daily Limits | Notes |
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| Bobwhite (quail) | Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes) At Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs ONLY: Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014 and Jan. 1–31, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 4 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required. Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under Northern Bobwhite, page 64.) |
| Coyote* and Fox, General | Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 13–Nov. 7 in DMZ Regulation Sets 4–8 Oct. 4–Nov. 7 in DMZ Regulation Sets 0–3 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8–Mar. 14 | ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Deer hunters may harvest coyote and fox during all open deer seasons with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting). |
| Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season | Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1–Mar. 14 (permit required) | Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see Notes at right. Sunday hunting from mid-night Saturday (12:01 a.m.) to one hour before sunrise Sunday only. | No limit | For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. See <i>Coyote/Fox Season</i> table, page 62, for firearm and ammo restrictions. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with any legal rifle, allowed only during daytime hunting hours. During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns are permitted. See pellet restrictions in table on page 62. <i>Coyote/fox permit required.</i> |
| Crow** (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.) | Aug. 11–Mar. 21 (See Notes .) | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Maximum shot size is #4 |
| Grouse, Ruffed** | North of Rt. 70: Oct. 11–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18–31 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 2 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 |
| Opossum & Raccoon | Oct. 1 to Mar. 1 | 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise | No limit | Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1. Closed Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 17. |
| Pheasant & Partridge | Nov. 8–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | Chukar — 7 Hungarian — 7 Pheasant — 2 Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64). |
| Rabbit, Hare & Jackrabbit** | Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 5 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 |
| Squirrel, Gray** | Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 5 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8. Air guns are legal to harvest squirrel. See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> page 62. |
| Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller) | Sept. 27–Nov. 7 and Jan. 4 to Feb. 16 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 5 | Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 66). |
| Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex) | (Period N) Oct. 25–Nov. 1 | ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 1 Turkey (either sex) per permit | Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only. |
| Turkey (Spring Gobbler) | (Periods A to E) April 20–May 22 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset | 1 Male Turkey per permit | Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January. |
| Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth) | (Period Y) April 18 to May 22, 2015 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset | 1 Male Turkey per permit | Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January. |
| Woodchuck:** Bow, Rifle or Shotgun | March 1 to Oct. 1, 2014 March 2 to Sept. 30, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 25 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62). |
| Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun | Sept. 27–Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16, 18–31, 2014; Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2015 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 |
| Woodcock** | See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations**</i> on page 72 | Sunrise to sunset | 3 daily; 6 possession 1 Male Wild Turkey | HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8 |
| Youth Turkey Day | April 18, 2015 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon | Pheasant — 2 Quail — 4 | Permit required. Refer to 2015 turkey permit supplement, available in late January. |
| Youth Upland Bird Day | Nov. 1, 2014 | 8 a.m. to sunset | | Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 24). |

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.

** The starting time to hunt migratory birds on Nov. 8 only on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas shall be 8 a.m. See list of areas, page 64.